

## “I have a dream...”

Starting the Martin Luther King, Jr. remembrance weekend, we invited everyone to complete the sentence “I have a dream...” as a moment to not only recall Dr. King’s guiding words, but also to bring light to each other. We have received a wonderful response which we will continue to share in the weeks ahead. Here are some lovely samples.



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### The poetry of trees

I have a dream that the language of trees  
Is translated into color and sound  
So vibrant and melodious  
That people start to hum the invisible tunes of branches and roots,  
Awakening to awareness of bark and twig entwined with their own human limbs.  
I dream that scars fall from their blind eyes  
So they look anew at the infinite tapestry of rich hues radiating from the earth’s soil.  
I dream that the wooden words of trees wake humanity before our hearts lament their final departure.

Dr. Colleen Corrigan

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I have a dream that our nation will one day be a genuine melting pot of all diverse cultures and the beacon for compassionate democracy, one that is built on humility, kindness, justice, and equity for all.

Joe Chan

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Amy Wittak, Director of Liturgy, presented her dream during the Wednesday evening prayer service on January 20. To hear her dream visit [lumenchristicc.online.church](https://lumenchristicc.online.church) and scroll down to Evening Prayer and look for the January 20 liturgy. Or visit the Lumen Christi Facebook page and look for Evening Prayer 01.20.2021 under videos.

Amy Wittak

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I have a dream  
that everyone is taught as my mother taught us,  
to show love and respect for all of God's children,  
since by living our lives in that spirit, understanding and empathy quickly follow.



That it will be at long last understood that one single human being  
has never been born with hatred in their soul.

That it's naturally understood that all humankind is created by Our Father and as such  
our blood is red, our internal organs are all identical and our capacity for love has been given to us all.

That while dreams are free, freedom is something that is advanced only when  
understanding is thoroughly practiced by everyone and then  
it is earned by our actions and words, deeds and morals, open-mindedness and shared values, and love.

David and Susan Beecham

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**I have a dream** that we will no longer take anything for granted, whether it's the people who care for, help and serve us (seen or unseen) and the gifts we receive every day from God, whether welcome or unwelcome, important or unimportant.

Anonymous

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**I have a dream** that all Creation will be radiant with the Light and Love of God.

I have a dream that hearts and minds will be changed and that together we will remake the systems that harm people and our planet.

I have a dream that our society will choose to judge itself by the wellbeing of our poorest and most vulnerable members.

I have a dream that our long history of racism, bigotry and hatred will be replaced by a time in which all people are treated with respect and love.

I have a dream that the world of division and separation will be healed, and make way for the interdependence among all humans and with all living beings that God intended.

And I have a dream that as far away as all of this feels, that it is in fact closer at hand than any of us know. I have a dream that this future begins today with me and with all of Lumen Christi Catholic Community, as we strive to be the Light of Christ in the World.

Mike Harley

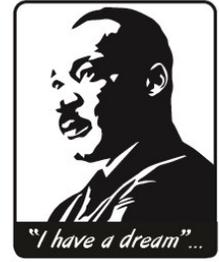
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**I have a dream** that American Catholics will accept the fulness of Catholic Social Teaching's principles and themes rather than focusing on single issues.

I also dream that the "other" or "stranger" (e.g. immigrant, foreigner, non-Catholic) will be accepted as a brother/sister.

Manuel López

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**I have a dream....**

Even though at times I could just scream!

So much division and hate  
We need to act before it's too late.

Social justice for all  
Or our democracy will fall.

It's not too late  
We have the power to determine our fate.

Right, left, we must not fight  
We need to listen to each other so we can unite.

I believe we can do better  
If only we can work together.

January 20<sup>th</sup> is drawing near  
Do not fear.

A new day, a new administration  
We must begin the conversation.

Almost 60 years ago Martin spoke of his dreams  
Now it is our turn, so it seems!

Mary Kleinberg

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We continue to welcome your submission in response to the sentence "I have a dream..."—in whatever form you choose – a sentence, an essay, a video or audio clip, a drawing, poem, or song. Send it to [lumensharethedream@gmail.com](mailto:lumensharethedream@gmail.com) or drop it off at the parish office. It can be anonymous if you prefer. We will curate the submissions and share with the parish.